

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Mr. William Hocker came home yesterday from a business visit to Jacksonville.

Mr. John T. Lewis was among the many well known Christmas shoppers in the Brick City Wednesday.

Miss Lucile Moore has gone up to Micanopy to spend Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. S. D. Feaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Weeks of Oak spent Wednesday in Ocala, interviewing the various merchants.

Dr. E. L. Scott of Birmingham, Alabama, arrived in Ocala Wednesday to spend the Christmas tide with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Scott.

Mrs. W. M. Nelson of Columbia, S. C., arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Looney.

Mrs. J. Walker Bishop and children went down to Crystal River yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays with Mrs. Bishop's father, Col. Nic Barco.

Mr. Bradford Ansley, who is a popular student at the University of Georgia, at Athens, is the guest for the holidays of his sister, Mrs. Sanford Jewett.

Mrs. M. B. Areutz, in renewing her subscription to the Ocala Banner, wishes the paper and all of her friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Messrs. Witherspoon and Dick Dodge are at home from Davidson College for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodge.

Mr. Peter Durison of Connor is off on a big hunt. He has his guns loaded for big game—nothing smaller than turkey and deer, and nothing larger than panther and bear.

The Marion County Fair, with an attendance one day reaching 3000, was an unequalled success, and its managers deserve congratulation.—Pensacola Journal.

Mr. J. Fred Carlton, who is with the A. B. & A. railway at Memphis, Tenn., is on a visit to Ocala, and will spend the holidays with his parents at the Carlton House.

Gen. and Mrs. C. P. Lovell and children of Jacksonville passed through Ocala Tuesday afternoon on their way to Leesburg, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson and daughter and Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Hart, and guest, Miss Vose, spent the day in Ocala Wednesday, doing their Christmas shopping.

The Telephone Company has just issued new books and besides the list for Ocala it gives the list of a number of the nearby cities and towns, with which Ocala now has connection.

Mrs. Halsey and little son, Orlo, arrived in Ocala yesterday afternoon from Union Springs, Alabama, and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Halsey's daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Birdsey and little daughter of Forsyth, Ga., are in the city on a visit to Mrs. Birdsey's parents, Col. and Mrs. J. M. Martin, and will be here all during the holidays.

Mr. Sidney Haile and family have gone to Kanapa, near Gainesville, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Evans Haile, at the old Haile homestead. Mr. Sidney Haile and Mr. Evans Haile are brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rapalga and children are recent arrivals in Ocala and will make this city their home. They are occupying Dr. E. Van Hood's new house on South Second street. Mr. Rapalga was formerly in the phosphate business in south Florida.

Mrs. George F. Armstrong of Savannah, Ga., arrived in Ocala Saturday afternoon to spend the holidays with her parents, Col. and Mrs. W. N. Camp. She was accompanied by her pretty little daughter, Lucy, and will be joined by Mr. Armstrong for Christmas.

Rev. W. H. Coleman closed his work with the McIntosh church last Sunday. Hereafter his whole time is to be given to the Ocala Christian church, and instead of having services on alternate Sundays they will have the regular services every Sunday.

The Marion County Fair Association officials have already mailed checks to the various prize winners. They started out on a strictly business basis and kept it up to the finish. The officials themselves are prize winners and are entitled to be decorated and re-decorated with blue ribbons. They won for themselves a shower of encomiums from every visitor.

Enormous crowds attended the Marion County Fair at Ocala last week. The exhibits were of a very superior kind and in all departments the fair was a great success and a credit to its promoters.—St. Augustine Record.

The new pipe organ at Grace Episcopal church has been installed and will be used for the first time at the Christmas service today. This organ is an exceedingly handsome one and will add a great deal to this lovely little church. The church has recently undergone a number of changes and improvements, and is now quite a handsome edifice. The special Christmas music tomorrow will be a pretty feature of the service.

Ellie Edwards, alias Edward Lewis, who was arrested for attempting to commit criminal assault upon a young white school girl living near Bellevue, and escaped while Mr. P. H. Ungent was sheriff, was arrested some months ago in Georgia. He was tried in the circuit court yesterday and convicted. The maximum sentence is twenty years. The case caused a great deal of excitement at the time.

CURRENT COMMENTS

Don't forget to send the Ocala Banner a Christmas dollar.

Net October earnings of the Atlantic Coast Line increased \$46,000.

Now the president wants a chain gang. He don't like naughty editors.

Mr. N. K. Vanderbilt and a party of friends are enjoying a visit to Tampa.

A great number of distinguished golfers are coming to Florida this winter.

The next convention of the Florida State Sunday Schools Convention will be held in Tampa on March 24th and 25th.

Minneapolis & St. Louis October net earnings increased \$19,000, and for four months increased, including income, \$30,000.

Officials from the United States land office at Gainesville report that November was the busiest month in the history of the Florida office.

The Courier-Journal says that it does look as if a cowboy with a lariat could walk along the Venezuelan coast and capture the navy in about three days.

The chief glory of all Christian nations seems to center on war and the epaulettes of war and as a corollary thereto murder is becoming an aristocratic crime. It seems almost a sacrilege to say that we are followers of the "Prince of Peace."

We congratulate the enterprising people of Ocala and Marion county upon the grand success of the Marion county fair. Now let the people of Alachua county go to work and give an exhibition of the products of the best county in the state.—Gainesville Sun.

The Capital Publishing Company, of which Claude L'Engle was principal owner, has gone into hands of receivers. Mr. Jno. G. Collins, former editor of the True-Democrat, is taking an inventory of the stock, and it is stated, unofficially, that Mr. T. J. Appleby will manage the business for the receiver.

Hill and Harriman have given up their efforts to control the Oriental trade and the whole goes to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The former found it impossible to comply with the ruling of the interstate commerce commission and do what they considered a profitable business, so they have "thrown up the sponge."

There is a little monthly magazine, published at Evanston, Ill., by Josephine Turk Baker, that ought to have a large list of subscribers. It is called "Correct English—How to Use It"—Lake City Index. "Correct English" seems to have had its best day, and like a good many other good things has been lost in the shuffle.

Cardinal Rampolla, who has been living in retirement since he missed the election to the papal throne, is mentioned as a possible successor to Secretary Merry del Val. The cardinal for sixteen years occupied second place in the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and probably entertains hopes of eventually rising to the rank of primate.

Judging from the beaming countenances worn by the various delegates now in Miami attending the annual conference of the M. E. church, south, we venture the prediction that not one among them has passed a dull moment during the sojourn here, and we believe that every one of the delegates, when he returns home will have a joyful story to tell of the many beauties and attractions found in the Magic City.—Miami Metropolis.

WHAT OLD SANTA CLAUS DID FOR THE ANIMALS

The midnights bells were ringing. Santa Claus was driving post haste through the streets. There were many people passing to and fro, but no one saw him. Large feathery snowflakes obscured his seligh, and his eight reindeer were speeding along as silently as fell the snowflakes. There were no dolls or skates or sleds or toys of any kind in his sleigh, because he had just finished filling the children's stockings.

Now he had other work to do. So he gave a little whistle for his reindeer and guided them down a narrow street to a stable. The hostlers were asleep. Santa Claus glided past them into the stalls and quickly lengthened the halters of the horses so that they could lie down to rest their tired legs. Hastening from stable to stable he went to the harness rooms and let out the check-reins and took away some of the cruel bits, leaving other bits in their places. He put sugar and apples into the mangers, and he gave a double quantity of apples to the docked horses, at the same time saying: "Poor creature, I'm going to put a stop to this cruel business of cutting off your beautiful tails."

Then jumping into his sleigh, he drove to another part of the city, where he found lame and sick horses. Taking off his fur mittens he rubbed the poor animals stiff and aching legs with liniment, and filled the empty mangers with hay and oats, and in a jiffy he mended all the loose blinders he could find. In an old tumble-down shed he spied a galled mule shivering with the cold. Quick as a flash Santa Claus put a blanket on the half-frozen animal, gave it a bundle of hay, and nailed boards over the holes in the sheds.

As this good hearted friend rode from place to place he threw a blanket over every horse that stood exposed to the snow storm in the streets, and he threw food to all the stray cats and dogs.

In every house he gave seed and water to the neglected canaries and fresh water to the gold-fishes.

The sparrows roosting under the eaves of the buildings, and the pigeons and doves in the church towers took their heads from under their wings and saw this merry old elf flying through the air as he threw a shower of grain to the birds, and in the twinkling of an eye was out of sight.

Then on he fled to the country farmyards where he surprised the sleeping horses with apples and sugar, and the cattle and sheep with chopped pumpkins and a supply of rock salt. To the pigs he gave long ears of yellow corn and he flung a shower of grain to the hens, ducks, turkeys, geese and guinea-fowls.

Having finished his Christmas round with the domestic animals, Santa gave a long, shrill whistle, and away he sped to the woods, where he found the owls wide awake, watching for him.

"Merry Christmas, my wise friends!" cried Santa, tossing packages of meat up into the trees.

"Tu-whit, tu-whoo, a Merry Christmas to you," sang back the owls from far and near.

Santa had been very shy while in the city and around the farmyards, but when he reached the woods he felt perfectly at home. There many wild animals were waiting for him. The woods were all aglare with bright eyes, watching for the jolly little man and his reindeer. There was a rustling of little feet, and suddenly a troop of rabbits and wood chucks appeared close up to Santa Claus's sleigh, standing on their hind legs to receive heads of cabbage and celery. The squirrels and chipmunks were fast asleep, the weather being too cold for them to be out of their nests, but kind old Santa dropped nuts into the hollow trees, a happy surprise for the little animals.

All the birds were ready for their Christmas dinner, nor did Santa Claus even forget the wild bees. They all wished Santa Claus a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MRS. HOWARD TO ENTERTAIN FOR MRS. STEVENS

Mrs. Edwin Monroe Howard has issued invitations to a large afternoon party, which she will give on the afternoon of Tuesday, January the fifth at three o'clock. Her cousin, Mrs. I. V. Stevens, will be the honor guest at this holiday party, and whist and dominoes will be played during the afternoon.

FOR SALE

Selected Eden Gem Watermelon Seed. J. W. EASTERLING. 12-25-4t. Barnwell, S. C.

LOST OR STOLEN—From my home Monday night from my home at Calvary, Fla., a dark bay mare; hair off on right thigh; bit cut on tongue. Suitable reward for return of animal to Sarah Moore, Calvary, Fla. 12-25-w2t*

PECANS

This has been a good year for those owning bearing pecan trees, as the crop is abundant and of good quality. Full reports are impossible at this date, since many people have only gathered the "drops," waiting very properly until the leaves should fall before thrashing the trees. They injure their trees by thrashing and bruising the late shoots that would make good fruit spurs the following season.

Among the large yields reported is the crop from two trees in the yard of Mr. John R. West. One tree produced 800 pounds of nuts which sold for 18c. per pound, bringing \$54. Another tree yielded thirteen bushels, with many nuts still clinging in the higher branches. This tree has, at the least, a 600-pound crop.

The fine tree known as the Clarke, looks good for 250 pounds. It is on the premises of Hon. T. L. Clarke, and is the original of the grafted stock sold by nurseries under the name of "Clarke" or "Louisiana." The celebrated Lindsay tree has never attained its record crop of three years ago—628 pounds—but is good for close to 300 pounds.

Among the young bearing trees which are especially noteworthy are a "Moore No. 1," and a "Moore No. 2," in the test grove of W. W. Carroll, manager of the Jefferson County Pecan and Live Stock Company. The first tree was planted in 1901, bore in 1904, and produced 60 pounds of nuts which sold at 20 cents to 25 cents per pound. The Moore No. 2, planted at the same time, yielded this season 70 pounds of nuts—with several pounds still clinging in the higher branches. These nuts sold for 20 cents a pound.

The large grove, belonging to the Standard Pecan Company, H. S. Watson, manager, is showing a few nuts this season and will probably bear quite profitably in two more seasons.

The North Florida Pecan Company has a fine stand of year-old trees on their Wirland place, and have a fine prospect. The trees of the Lake Valley grove, some near to bearing size, are looking well. This grove has been incorporated with the new company, the Jefferson County Pecan and Live Stock Company, T. M. Puleston, president.

The nurseries are all busy digging and shipping trees and people are becoming more and more assured that the pecan is a very important asset in counting sources of Jefferson county's prosperity.—Monticello News.

The citizens of Lakeland, Florida, are eating strawberries—the first of the season. It will not be long before Apalachicola can say, "me too!"—Apalachicola Times. You people should have attended the Marion county fair. You would have seen the very finest of tomatoes, grown out in the open; new English peas; egg plants; beets; cabbage; cauliflower; carrots; beans; peas; new Irish potatoes; spinach; collards; mustard greens; turnips; rutabagers; succash; oyster plant; celery; parsnips; radishes; peppers; and other things the names of which have escaped us dug fresh from the garden.

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GET A PIANO FREE

Here is Our Plan of Giving Away a Fine \$450.00 Piano.

With every cash purchase made at the following Ocala business houses coupons will be issued on a basis of one cent each for every dollar's worth of goods you buy.

THE OCALA BANNER

Unequaled in Central Florida as an Advertising Medium.

Coupons issued on all cash paid in on subscriptions to Daily or Weekly, advertising and job printing accounts.

A. E. BURNETT

JEWELRY, SILVER AND GLASSWARE, PHONOGRAPHS AND SUPPLIES

Coupons issued on all cash transactions except for Phonographs, Phonograph Records and Repair Work. No coupons for accounts made after November 23.

MERCHANTS' BLOCK.

O. K. GROCERY

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. FREE DELIVERY

Co-Operative Piano Contest Coupons will be given on all cash purchases of over 50 cents; also weekly accounts receive coupons.

WALLIS BLOCK

WOLF & HEINTZ

BAKERS OF ALL KINDS OF BREAD, FANCY CAKES, PIES, ETC.

Coupons will be issued on all cash purchases made at this store, as well as for cash paid on accounts made before November 23.

OPPOSITE GOVERNMENT BLDG.

HUNTER DRUG CO.

PURE, FRESH DRUGS—PRESCRIPTIONS A SPECIALTY—TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.

Piano contest coupons issued on all cash purchases of 50 cents and upward; also on all accounts made before November 3, 1908.

HOLDER BLOCK.

GUARANTEE CLOTHING & SHOE CO.

MEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS, HATS AND SHOES, SUIT CASES, ETC., ETC.

Will give coupons good to vote in Piano Contest for every cent paid over the counter, including settlement of accounts made before November 23.

OCALA HOUSE BLOCK.

MISS MARY AFFLECK

UP-TO-DATE MILLINERY, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, RIBBONS, ETC.

Coupons for voting in the Piano Contest will be given for all cash purchases and for all accounts made before November 23.

OCALA HOUSE BLOCK.

KNIGHT & LANG

BUGGIES, FARM AND TURPENTINE WAGONS, SADDLES, HARNESS, ETC.

Coupons will be given for all cash purchases after this date; also for settlements on accounts made before November 23.

NORTH OF COURT HOUSE.

R. E. YONGE & SON

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, FINE BATH TUBS A SPECIALTY

Piano Contest Coupons issued on all cash transactions of One Dollar and upward, including settlements on accounts made before November 23.

SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Don't fail to ask for coupons at the time you make your purchase, as there is to be no bookkeeping in this contest whatever. If you leave without getting your coupons it is your loss.

Nominate your favorite today by filling in the coupon to be found in today's Ocala Banner and either bring it or send it to THE OCALA BANNER, Piano Contest Dept.

KALLENBERGER'S ANNOUNCEMENT!

To the Public:-

I take pleasure in announcing that I have commenced business for myself in Ocala at the corner of Main street and Ocklawaha avenue. As our business transactions during the last three years while I was bookkeeper and later manager of the Ocala House Wine Rooms have undoubtedly been of the most cordial, my motto having always been to deal honestly, fairly and squarely with all, I can assure you that this will continue at all times in the future. My assistants are all of the very best in their line and are well known to you. They will treat you at all times with the utmost cordiality and civility.

I have the Anheuser-Busch Beer on draught, also the Anheuser-Busch Blue Label, Budweiser, Piel Brothers, Blue Ribbon and Schlitz Bottle Beers.

Thanking you for your patronage in the past as well as a portion of same in the future, I am

Yours Very Truly,

W. A. KALLENBERGER,

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